

Erie & Lackawanna Railroad Bridge  
(Delaware, Lackawanna & Western  
Railroad Bridge)  
Spanning the Hackensack River  
Kearny, New Jersey  
Hudson County

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Date: ca. 1920

Location: Spanning the Hackensack River between Kearny and Secaucus,  
New Jersey

Owner: Erie and Lackawanna Railroad

Engineer/Builder: Unknown

Significance: This structure is one of a series of bridges constructed in the early twentieth century to carry railroad lines through northern New Jersey towards New York City. It is a vertical lift bridge, resting on concrete piers, built so that water-borne commerce along the Hackensack River would not be impeded by the railroad line. This is a good example of the movable bridge technology developed by American engineers in the early twentieth century.

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